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Dear Harold,

As you know, I've gotten far behind in my correspondence; let me acknowledge, belatedly and with apologies, your letters of November 25 (!) and July 28. Your remailed letter of August 30, with the note of September 14, arrived a couple of days ago.

Your 7/28 letter requesting the Guinn tape arrived the day before we flew off to Boston for a four-week vacation with my father and his 82-year-old lady friend. But in any case I think I don't have that tape. I recall being surprised when Henry Hurt called me about it, since I had no recollection of ever possessing it. I certainly didn't record Guinn myself, although I recall that Lifton did. If I ever had the tape, I think I would have put some notes in my Guinn file, which I didn't do. Could it be that you remember me as the source because I told you that David had the tape? I guess it is possible that David made a copy for you which for some reason he mailed through me.

In any event, I have dozens of uncatalogued tapes scattered through several boxes. If I thought I had this tape I would look through them all for you. But, as I told Henry, he should try Lifton.

If you think it would help get information from him, I can pass on questions to Guinn for you or your contact. To me, he seemed accessible.

Thanks for passing on the news from Gandolfo. Fortunately, he hasn't called me for a long time. I expect Garrison's book to be published by Sheridan Square Press, under the title "On the Trail of the Assassins." I now have the WP and Houston clips you mentioned (DeLillo, Zapruder film costs).

I'm glad you found the ONI stuff in 10 EOC 2 interesting. I don't recall what was in the drafts of "Agent Oswald" you sent many years ago - in fact, I don't recall having them - but I was prompted to put this ONI material together at this time by information from Bob Benn in Nashville. He told me that he had mentioned to you the possibility of getting a new source to speak out on what he observed from inside ONI at the time. This strikes me as very touchy stuff, so Benn is proceeding slowly, but I hope there will be more news in this area soon.

My recollection of Helms' testimony about "admittedly missing Oswald records" is that a post-assassination memo indicated that certain documents were not in the file, but that there was no reason to believe that they were pre-assassination documents - except for the fact that the HSCA seemed to be making a fuss over that memo (which doesn't carry much weight with me).

You've probably heard about the Justice Department closing its response to the HSCA report. If Jim hasn't sent you the documents, I can do so. Kartsonis sent me some of his earlier correspondence; one division of the JD was withholding a draft report - the only relevant record they found - a full three months after they sent the final five-page "report" to Rodino! (I'll have to write Kartsonis or Jim, to check out the possibility that the denied draft report was something more substantial.)

With best regards,

Paul

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